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CHILDREN'S ART DEDICATION AT THE BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

BEAVERTON, Oregon (April 23, 2010) – The community is invited to join Mayor Denny Doyle to celebrate the newest addition to the Beaverton City Library's art collection on Monday, April 26. The new portal archway, frieze, and desk panels in Children's Room at the library were created by Washington artist and illustrator Bryn Barnard. The artwork depicts animals taking off and flying through the sky on books and other information resources such as computers and CDs. The dedication will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Library (12375 SW 5th St.) and will continue in Meeting Room B where light refreshments will be served.

"The new children's artwork is a whimsical welcome for kids entering the Children's Room from other areas of the Beaverton City Library," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "Art can help create an environment that nurtures exploration and learning for the thousands of children that come through the library doors each year."

The project is a partnership between the Beaverton City Library and the Beaverton Arts Commission. Nearly 200 artists throughout the nation responded to the call for art that was issued by the Arts Commission in November 2009. The proposal was selected by the Art Commission's Library Art Committee comprised of library staff, Library Board, Arts Commission board members, and local Beaverton artists.

The selection committee was charged with selecting a work of high artistic quality with the following criteria:

- Characteristics of the Beaverton City Library, particularly its architecture.
- Appropriate size and durability (the surface should be cleanable and vandalism resistant).
- Suitable for a high-traffic public facility (should not pose any safety concerns i.e. no protruding point surfaces)
- The artwork should be attractive and inviting to children.

ABOUT THE BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

The Beaverton City Library, one of the busiest library facilities in the state, serves an area population of approximately 136,000. Each month, more than 70,000 people visit the Library and more than 2.5 million items are checked out per year. In 2009, more than 4,113 children signed up for the summer reading program. The Library is open seven days per week and maintains a collection of more than 300,000 items.

ABOUT THE BEAVERTON ARTS COMMISSION

The BAC contributes significantly to the quality of life in Beaverton by presenting artistic and cultural events that celebrate community values and help connect residents to their artistic and cultural heritage. The BAC spearheads public art projects in Beaverton, including a new mural program, as well as presenting the annual Visual Arts Showcase and Last Tuesdays, an outdoor celebration of music, art and food each summer. For more information about the Beaverton Arts Commission, visit www.beavertonarts.org or call (503) 526-2288.

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